

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-9 and substitute claims 10-16 therefor.

Claims 1-9 (cancelled)

Claim 10 (new): A rearview mirror assembly for attachment to a vehicle via a holding tube, the assembly comprising:

a housing including a framing element configured to attach to the holding tube; and

a clamping part configured to attach to the holding tube disposed opposite of the framing element, the framing element and the clamping part cooperating to clamp with the holding tube and releasably attach to each other, the clamping part further configured to fastenably hold a mirror element, wherein one of the clamping part and the element framing has a hook element and one of the clamping part and the framing element has a snap connection, the hook element and the snap connection snap-connectable to secure the framing element and the clamping part together;

wherein the framing element defines a first recess and the clamping part defines a second recess, the first and second recess configured to encase the holding tube.

Claim 11 (new): A rearview mirror assembly for a vehicle comprising:

a mirror element having a mirror pane affixed to a carrier plate;

a positioning apparatus affixed to the carrier plate opposite the mirror pane;

a framing, the positioning apparatus secured to the framing;

a bracket having an upper strip and a lower strip, the bracket releasably clamped to the framing; and

a first holding arm and a second holding arm, the first holding arm clampingly disposed between the upper strip and the framing and the second holding arm clampingly disposed between the lower strip and the framing.

Claim 12 (new): The rearview mirror assembly of claim 11, wherein the upper strip defines a first recess and the lower strip defines a second recess, the first recess configured to receive the first holding arm and the second recess configured to receive the second holding arm.

Claim 13 (new): The rearview mirror assembly of claim 12, wherein the first and second recesses each have at least one projection, and wherein the first and second holding arm each have at least one complementary recess, the at least one projection configured to be rotationally secured in the at least one complementary recess.

Claim 14 (new): The rearview mirror assembly of claim 11, further comprising a housing cover releasably attached to the framing, the housing cover made of acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) and framing made of fiberglass reinforced plastic.

Claim 15 (new): The rearview mirror assembly of claim 11, wherein the carrier plate is acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) and 30% fiberglass, the carrier plate having a thickness of between one and one and one-half millimeters.

Claim 16 (new): The rearview mirror assembly of claim 10 wherein said

clamping part is a plastic housing having at least one first opening therethrough and said framing element has at least one second opening therethrough which aligns with said at least one first opening, a fastening member passing through said first and second openings securing said first and second recesses of said at least one of said clamping part and said framing element with said holding tube.